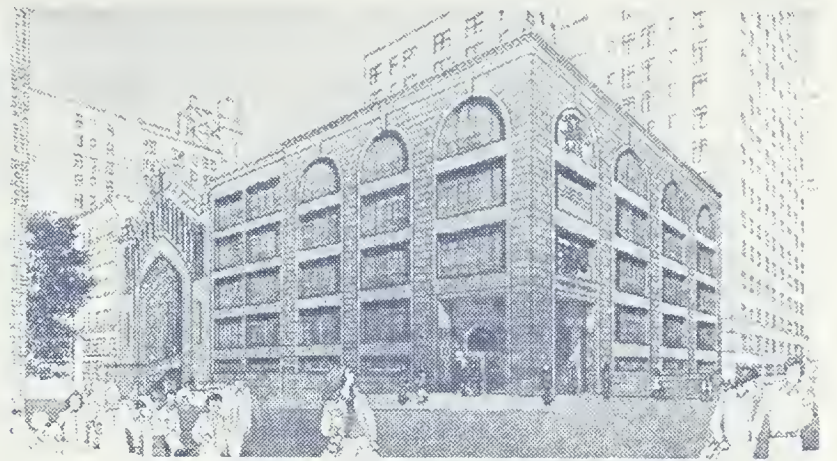




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The 25th Annual Men's Club Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon & Party Sunday, December 5

On Sunday, December 5th from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M., Project Ezra's Jewish elderly will be guests of the Men's Club at its annual Hanukkah luncheon and party. The Men's Club will bring these seniors to the synagogue by bus for lunch, and the students in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School will help serve and entertain them. And, for the 25th consecutive year, all will participate in a joyous celebration of Hanukkah that bridges and unites the generations. Come and join the fun. All are welcome!

Shabbat Initiative: A Beginners Service Saturday, December 11 10 A.M. to 12 Noon.

Mark your calendars and plan to join Park Avenue Synagogue's **new Beginners Service**, a "how to" Shabbat session of text and theory with a congregational chorale on Saturday morning, December 11.

- Begin with **AT YOUR SERVICE** for learners of all ages from 10 to 11 A.M., led by Rabbi Kenneth Stern in the Rothschild Library
- Then go to one of two **WORKSHOPS**: one with Stacey Erlich in Room 206 or the other with Rabbi Stern in the Rothschild Library from 11 to 11:45 A.M., followed by
- Singing with a **CONGREGATIONAL CHORALE** led by Cantors Lefkowitz and Abramson in Room 206 from 11:45 A.M. to 12:05 P.M.
- Finally, connect at **KIDDUSH** from 12:05 until as long as you like! Enjoy wine, challah, cookies and other goodies!

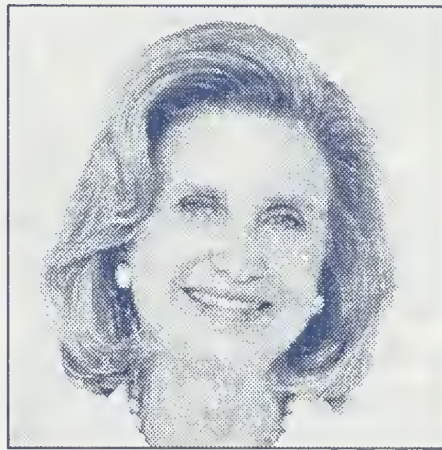
For more information, please call Stacey Erlich, the PAS Jewish family educator, at 369-2600, ext. 136.

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney to Speak at Sisterhood Shabbat Service Friday, December 10

The Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue will hold its **Annual Shabbat Service at 6:15 P.M. on Friday, December 10, 1999.** For this occasion, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney, a Democrat, who represents the 14th district in New York City (which includes most of the East Side and portions of the West Side of Manhattan, as well as Astoria and Long Island City, Queens) will be Sisterhood's guest speaker once again.

After serving for ten years on the New York City Council, Maloney defeated a 14-year incumbent in her first race for Congress in 1992. She was reelected in 1998 with 77% of the vote.

As Co-Chair of the *Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues*, Maloney is one of the leading advocates for women and family issues, with special emphasis on women's health, family planning, child care, and reproductive freedom. Her bill to offer annual mammograms for women on Medicare was included in the FY98 budget agreement. She is currently pushing her



bill to provide coverage for routine breast, prostate, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings. She has also introduced legislation ("Kiddie Mac") which would make day care more available and affordable by guaranteeing loans for day care facility construction and improvement.

Thanks to a bill signed by the President in October, 1998, thousands of Nazi War Crimes records will be opened for the first time. The legislation, which Maloney authorized, set up a working group to review and organize documents held by federal agencies, check for possible breaches in national security, then make them available to the public.

Rep. Maloney and her husband, Clifton Maloney, have two daughters: Christina, 19, and Virginia, 12.

A **Congregational Shabbat Hanukkah Dinner** (by advance reservation only) will follow this special Shabbat service.

Plan to attend to hear Congresswoman Maloney speak, and to enjoy the Shabbat Hanukkah dinner afterwards with your family and friends.

WEG Open Program on Anti-Semitism Monday, December 20

On Monday evening, December 20th at 7:30 P.M., a representative from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will speak to the Women's Evening Group about "**Anti-Semitism Around the World.**"

Plan to join WEG for an update on an issue important to all of us!

There will be time for socializing and the usual refreshments will be served.

January 2000 with the Men's Club Tuesday, January 11 at 7 P.M.

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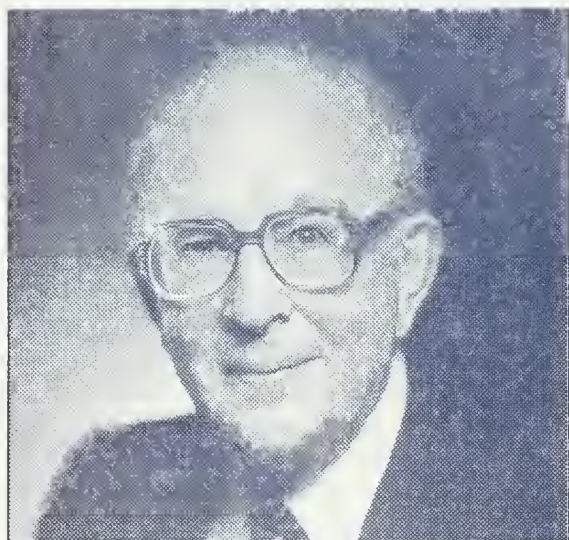
Open to the entire congregation.

Refreshments will be served.

No charge.

F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk



The Origin of Our Ark Curtains

Those who have been attending services at Park Avenue Synagogue during the past several months will have observed the changing of the Ark Curtains three times.

For the High Holy Days the curtain was white. For Sukkot its color was blue. After the festival the color becomes red; the curtain that hangs in front of the Ark is that color (red) when there are no holy days or festivals.

These Ark Curtains are not the usual commercial type that one sees in a synagogue. They were made by hand, stitch by stitch, by a member of our congregation years ago.

When I assumed the pulpit of our congregation some forty-two years ago, the

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for DECEMBER, 1999

First Night of Hanukkah

Friday evening, December 3.....6:15 P.M.

Vav Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner

Saturday morning, December 4.....9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service.....7:30 A.M.

Havurah Service.....9:30 A.M.

Tot Shabbat.....11:15 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Elisabeth Erlich Holm

daughter of Shelley and Steven Holm

Saturday afternoon, December 4.....4:15 P.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Blake Ariel Fields

son of Fortunee and Lewis Fields

Eighth Night of Hanukkah

Friday evening, December 10.....6:15 P.M.

Annual Sisterhood Shabbat Eve Service

followed by a

Congregational Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner

(By Advance Reservation Only)

Saturday morning, December 11.....9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service.....7:30 A.M.

Beginners Service.....10:00 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Beth Small

daughter of JoAnn and David Small

Saturday afternoon, December 11.....4:15 P.M.

Friday evening, December 17.....6:15 P.M.

Children's December Birthday Celebration

Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat.....7:30 P.M.

Saturday morning, December 18.....9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service.....7:30 A.M.

Havurah Service.....9:30 A.M.

Saturday afternoon, December 18.....4:15 P.M.

Friday evening, December 24.....6:15 P.M.

Saturday morning, December 25.....9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service.....7:30 A.M.

Saturday afternoon, December 25.....4:30 P.M.

Friday evening, December 31.....6:15 P.M.

Saturday morning, January 1.....9:15 A.M.

Hashkama Service.....7:30 A.M.

Saturday afternoon, January 1.....4:30 P.M.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Miriam C. Berkowitz will preach and conduct services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

***Baby sitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available
every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.***

unusual quality of these Ark Curtains caught my eye. Not long afterward, the first curator of The Jewish Museum, Dr. Stephen Kayser, visited the synagogue and he too was curious as to the source of the Ark Curtains. He said that he was familiar with Ark Curtains made in different countries of Europe and those made in the United States, but the beauty of our curtains was unusual. I was able to give him the answer because, earlier, I had learned it. I told him that the three Ark Curtains of the Park Avenue Synagogue were made by a woman who was a member of the congregation, Mrs.

Anna Edelman. I could tell him more because I had called upon her at her home to express my admiration for the work of her hands that she had given to the congregation.

The story she told me was a fascinating one. She had come to America as a very young woman and possessed one excellent skill—she could sew very well. Somehow, she was told that she might find employment at the private workshops of the Cardinal of New York. The then Archbishop maintained these shops where the employed women sewed all his church gar-

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From the Rabbi's Desk

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ments and those of the members of his staff, as well as all the cloth hangings of his church. The core of women working for him he had brought over from a small town in Italy where generation after generation of women were engaged in sewing, embroidering and crocheting for the Vatican, the special skills transmitted from mother to daughter. Young Anna Edelman was trained by these Italian women to work in silks and similar fabrics and with gold and silver threads.

When Anna retired, an expert in the field, she decided to offer her talents to her synagogue. Not only the Ark Curtains, but many of the Torah Covers were made by her without a charge to the synagogue. When I met her, she was an elderly gracious and modest lady. May her memory be a blessing as she herself was in life.

— Rabbi Judah Nadich

Children's December Birthday Celebration on Friday, December 17 at 6:15 P.M.

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives!

Especially for their birthdays!
Come as a family and celebrate!

Thank You Sukkah Builders

The Officers, Trustees and members of the Park Avenue Synagogue express their thanks and appreciation to the Parents' Association for its financing of and purchasing the decorations for the festival of Sukkot again this year. The Main Sanctuary, the Appleman Chapel, and the Ritter Sukkah, in particular, were decorated beautifully by Lynn Jawitz, who served as chairperson for decorations. Also, thanks to her helpers: Laurie Harris; Ellen and Liz Harrow; Lisa and Josh Liebhaber; Marcia Stone; and Barry and Jeffrey Weinstein. You all did a great job!

The Winter Season is Coming

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December B'not Mitzvah



Elisabeth Erlich Holm — December 4, 1999

Elisabeth Holm celebrates her Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Parshat Vayeshev. She has been a student at Park Avenue Synagogue since nursery school and is in the seventh grade at The Dalton School. Her favorite subjects are English, history and French. She also has a strong interest in the arts, including theater and photography.

Her summers are spent at Belvoir Terrace, an arts camp in the Berkshires. She also loves sports and is an avid tennis player.

Elisabeth has a deep commitment to family and to Jewish study and observance, a commitment which is nurtured by her parents and grandparents, all four of whom are survivors of the Holocaust. Thus, she plans to continue her religious education in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School and, like her brother, Andrew, participates in the High School Food Pantry.



Sarah Beth Small — December 11, 1999

Sarah has been a part of the Park Avenue Synagogue family since the age of three when she attended its Early Childhood Center. She then began her religious education in the Prozdor class of the Congregational School and is hoping to continue in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School.

Sarah is in the seventh grade at the Riverdale Country School where her favorite subject is English, followed by Fine Arts. She also plays the clarinet and the piano.

During the summer, she enjoys swimming and water skiing at Camp Watitoh in the Berkshires. She has a great love of animals and would like to become a veterinarian.

Sarah has an older brother, Jonathan, and has lived in Manhattan all of her life.

December Events in the Congregational Schools

During the month of December, the following events will take place in the **elementary and high schools**:

- Friday, December 3 at 6:15 P.M., the Vav grade will conduct the Friday night service in the Main Sanctuary. After the service, the students and their families will enjoy a Shabbat dinner together.
- Sunday, December 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M., the students will participate in the 13th Hanukkah Zimria in the Main Sanctuary. After the program, all are invited for latkes, complements of the Parents' Association.
- Saturday, December 11 from 9 to 11 A.M., the Gimel grade will have its second parent/student "Together" program in room 308. The topic will be the festival of Hanukkah.
- Sunday, December 12, the Zayin grade will have its third Mandatory session. They will go on a tour of Jewish sites on the Lower East Side. Parents are invited to join their children.

In the high school, on Sunday, December 5, the students will help the Men's Club host its annual Hanukkah Luncheon and Party for Project Ezra's elderly Lower East Side Jews.

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9 A.M.— 1 P.M. for ages 3.0— 4.0 years

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October 31, 1999)

Judaica Classics Gift Shop (at 125 East 85th Street)

The gift shop carries a full line of items of traditional Jewish significance, including, of course, all kinds of **menorahs** for celebrating the **festival of Hanukkah** (Friday evening, December 3rd through sundown Friday, December 10th this year). Menorahs range in style from the traditional sterling silver to the contemporary ceramic and whimsical types, for adults and children of all ages.

Remember, if you make a purchase there, mention that you are from Park Avenue Synagogue and our synagogue will benefit from your purchase.

MELAMED SINGLES PROGRAM (for singles 25 to 45)

Hanukkah Party
Wednesday, December 8
7:15 P.M.

Cost: \$20. Please call 369-2600 for additional information or to make your reservation..

Two WEG Theater Parties

"Waiting in the Wings,"
February 10
"Aida," February 27
Watch for a flyer in the mail.

Men's Club Outing to Madison Square Garden Hockey Game

Hurry up and join the Men's Club on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 P.M., when its members and friends will venture to Madison Square Garden to enjoy a hockey game

A Reminder!

Please remember to notify the business office of the synagogue with any changes either in your home or business address and/or your home or business telephone number.

between the New York Rangers and the Los Angeles Kings. Tickets: \$50 for Men's Club members; \$60 for non-members. Please call either Fred Mirsky or Ann Marie Newman at 371-3933 for tickets.



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A Bedtime Story and Hanukkah Candle Lighting for Children 3 to 5 Wednesday, December 8

For children in our congregation between 3 and 5 years of age, Park Avenue Synagogue's new librarian, Ilana Abend-David, and its Jewish family educator, Stacey Erlich, will present a joint program in the Rothschild Library at 6 P.M. on Wednesday, December 8th. In addition to a story, Hanukkah candles will be lit and a light snack will be served.

Please call either Stacey, at 369-2600, ext. 136, or Ilana, at ext. 137, for more information about and/or to sign up for this event. They look forward to you and your child's participation!

Boys and Girls Book Clubs at the Rothschild Library for Grades 4 to 6

The first meeting of a **Boys Book Club** is being scheduled for **Tuesday, December 14**, while that for a **Girls Book Club** is being scheduled for **Wednesday, December 15**, both at **6 P.M.** in the Rothschild Library. These two book clubs are for children in **grades 4 to 6**. Each child should be accompanied by the same sex adult, a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, or step parent.

Please pre-register so that Stacey, the PAS Jewish family educator, and Ilana, the librarian, will know if there is sufficient interest to form the groups. For more information or to register, please call 369-2600, Stacey, at ext. 136, or Ilana, at ext. 137.

Thank You Class Parents

The Parents' Association of the PAS Congregational Religious School would like to thank the following parents for taking on the responsibilities of being a **CLASS PARENT** for their child's class. By class, thank you:

Gan: Renee Klaperman and Susan Silverman

Alef: Gayle Lefkowitz

Bet: Debbie Baum, Barbara Kendall, Susan Silverman and Elizabeth Stahl

Gimel: Dr. Barbara Weinstein-Bernstein, Heidi Gore and Andrea Mandelsberg

Daled: David Parker, Nancy Schulman, Dr. Michael Siegal and Elyssa Weisbrot

Hay: Phyllis Kushner and Randi Sherman

Vav: Debbie Abramovitz and Maggie Siegel

Zayin: Laurie Harris, Joan Olden, Marcia Stone and Phyllis Tell

Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim

Did you know...?

- If you are in the hospital, a Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim member can visit you.
- If you wish to celebrate Shabbat or Yomtov while in the hospital, Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim will supply candles and challah.
- If you just want company in the hospital, or while recuperating at home, give us a call!

To contact Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim, call Rabbi Lincoln's secretary at 369-2600, ext. 149.

With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty Mazal Tov to:

Joan Lefkowitz, the wife of Cantor Lefkowitz, for her seminars on the subject of "How to get your fashion/beauty/lifestyle invention to market" for the New York Society of Professional Inventors at the Yankee Invention Expo and the Ohio Inventors Council.

Mrs. Rochelle Moss, upon the marriage of her son, Adam, to Heather Cohen.

Debra Braverman Rosensaft, who earned a master's degree in modern Jewish history from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Joann and Sidney Rosoff, upon the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Joseph, to Charles and Amy Rosoff, and to sister Heather Fay Rosoff.

About New Year's Eve:

Why Do Some Jews Object To Holding New Year's Parties?

New Year's Day did not become associated with Christianity until the year 487 when it was incorporated into the Church calendar as a holy day to celebrate the circumcision of Jesus. In the 15th century, the German scholar Israel Isserlein noted in his book of responsa that there is no real objection to sending gifts to Christians on the occasion of the New Year, for it is not really a day of worship but primarily a time of wishing friends and neighbors good luck.

Despite the fact that the New Year's celebration has lost its religious significance, and despite the fact that practically all Jews celebrate the holiday today, some authorities

oppose holding New Year's parties. In 1981, Bezalel Zolti, Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, warned hotels not to hold New Year's parties "because these celebrations may offend the sensibilities of religious people." Almost all hotels complied so that their certificates of *kasbrut* would not be withdrawn.

However, as you well know, New Year's Eve this year takes place on Shabbat Eve, Friday, December 31, 1999 and New Year's Day on Shabbat Day, Saturday, January 1, 2000, which poses a dilemma for many Jews: which to observe, Shabbat or the New Year of the Millennium? Whatever your plans, we wish you all the best!

Source: Kolatch, *The Second Jewish Book of Why*, pages 94-95.

Friday Night Services At 6:15 P.M.

*Why not end your
week with a
spiritual experience!*

Come and participate in
Park Avenue Synagogue's
brief and participatory service
on the eve of every Shabbat
at 6:15 P.M.

Come and sing
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The PAS/Men's Club Employment Bank

The **PAS/Men's Club Employment Bank** is a **no cost way** for congregants who have positions to fill to find those seeking positions.

After coordinating this project for three years, Joe Fuhrman has stepped down. We thank him for his efforts in matching people to positions available.

Leon Heller has been appointed to succeed Joe in heading up this program. Leon has been a longtime member of our synagogue, of its Board of Trustees, and one of the senior officers of our congregation.

So if you have a position to fill or are looking for a job, please forward your job description or resume to Leon's attention through the synagogue office, or call (212) 369-2600 and leave the receptionist your name, phone number and a brief message.

Solomon Schechter School Received National Award

The Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan, located at the Park Avenue Synagogue, received the national Solomon Schechter Award for its exemplary program of religious education at the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on November 3.

Although the school was founded only three years ago, its program was deemed so outstanding that it won the award on its first attempt in a field of over 100 older, more experienced schools.

The program which was highlighted in the school's submission to the award committee is its *t'filah* program. The aim of the program is to infuse a tone of sanctity and reverence in students' daily experience, as well as a culture of intense inquiry and personal engagement in thinking about and discussing prayer. To achieve this, the school's staff has instituted a number of innovative approaches:

- Focusing the attention of children, from the beginning of kindergarten, on the prayers which are at the core of the daily liturgy: the *Sh'ma*, the *Amidah*, and the *b'rachot* surrounding the *Sh'ma*.
- Excerpting those *t'filot* that are incorporated in the prayer experience, at least in kindergarten and first grade, to enable children to gain a broader appreciation of the geography of the *siddur*.
- Making extensive use of drama as a way of helping children develop an emotional attachment to the prayer service, and not just an intellectual understanding.
- Making extensive use of artwork, with children preparing and illustrating their own *siddurim* in a way that reflects and deepens their personal connection with the meaning of the prayers.
- Providing structured opportunities for children to inject their own thoughts, hopes and prayers into *t'filah*.
- Making extensive use of Hebrew as the language of discourse about *t'filah*.

In accepting the award on behalf of the school, Dr. Steven Lorch, Head of School, acknowledged that "the work of the school in developing its *t'filah* program is truly a case of sitting on the shoulders of giants. The methods pioneered by Dr. Saul Wachs in *t'filah* education have been an inspiration to our teachers over the years, and any successes we may

When?

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev which corresponds to the evening of Friday, December 3rd through sundown, Friday, December 10th this year.

Why?

Lights are kindled in the menorah, or Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Jews over the Syrian Greeks in the Second Century, B.C.E. A small cruse of oil found when the Temple was rededicated surprisingly lasted for eight days instead of the expected one day, making it possible for the Jews to purify more oil for the lamp in that period of time.

The rabbis tell us that just as a small amount of oil casts a great deal of light, so did a few Jews stand against the many and the mighty in order to preserve their faith.

How?

A menorah has places for eight lights and one more light, the ninth, called the shamash. Generally, wax candles are used, although some menorahs are made to be used with oil and a wick.

On the first evening, the first candle is placed on the RIGHT side of the menorah. Then, on each succeeding night, a candle is added to the LEFT. The shamash is lit first and the following blessings are said:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh
Haolam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvoatav
v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of the Universe, who has made us holy through His commandments and who has commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah light.

Then:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh

have achieved would have been unthinkable without his seminal influence."

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Celebrating Hanukkah

Haolam, she-asah nisim la-avotainu
bayamin hamen baz-man hezeh.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this time.

On the first night only, the Sheheheyanu is added:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh
Haolam, sheheheyanu v'kee-y'manu
v'hee-gee-anu lazman hezeh.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Then the shamash is used to kindle that evening's lights. The kindling always starts on the LEFT with the candle which has been added for the new day and continues by moving to the RIGHT.

On Friday night, the Shabbat candles are lit after the Hanukkah lights are lit.

Special attention should be given to children's involvement in kindling the lights. In many families more than one menorah is lit, with the children lighting their own.

Customs?

After lighting Hanukkah candles or lights, it is customary to sing Hanukkah songs and to eat potato latkes (pancakes) with either applesauce or sour cream. In Israel, fried donuts instead of latkes are eaten.

In the United States, it has become customary for children to receive Hanukkah *gelt* (money), Hanukkah chocolate candies, and to play with dreidels. Also, family members tend to exchange Hanukkah gifts in a "Jewish way" of expressing their love for one another.

Hanukkah is also a perfect time and excuse for having Hanukkah parties - a way of celebrating this victorious aspect of our Jewish history.

A Reminder!

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Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

- Mr. Clarence S. Barasch, upon the death of his sister, Thelma Barasch Rudey.
The family of the late Harry A. Dubin.
Mr. Marshall Gluck, upon the death of his wife, Ruth Rubin Gluck.
Mrs. Elsie Goll, upon the death of her brother, Nathan Zarin.
Mrs. Helen Hahn, upon the death of her daughter, Carol Hahn-Glasser.
Mrs. Joyce Krasnoff, upon the death of her sister, Phyllis Scheindlin.
Mr. Aaron Malinsky, upon the death of his brother, Peter Malinsky.
Mrs. Violet Murad, upon the death of her husband, Jacob Murad.
Mrs. Jacqueline Schneider, upon the death of her sister, Thelma Barasch Rudey.
Mrs. Diane Smallberg, upon the death of her father, Herman Hils.

Contributions Synagogue Offerings

(Before October '99)

- Mrs. Phyllis Leventhal, in loving memory of her beloved mother, Gladys Braun.
Mrs. Joyce Levine, in memory of her beloved father, Saul Zelnik.
Ms. Marian Levitt, in honor of her Aliyah.
Mr. Samuel H. Lindenbaum
Mr. Burton L. London, in memory of his beloved mother, Selma London.
Susanna and Steven Lorch, in honor of the birth of Rabbi Berkowitz's son, Adir.
Mrs. Roxandra Meron, in memory of her beloved mother, Carola Abramovici.
Mr. Robert Miller, in honor of his birthday.
Alan & Janet Moss, in memory of Bobbi Katzenstein, beloved mother and grandmother.
Mr. Julius Paige, in memory of his beloved mother, Beckie Pogrebinsky.
Mrs. Laurie Feber Podolsky, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Robbins, in honor of their anniversary.
Dr. & Mrs. Herman Rosen, in honor of their anniversary.
Judge & Mrs. Irving Rosen
Mr. Imre Roth, in memory of his beloved mother, Serena Roth.
Melanie Schneider, in honor of Lucy Becker, Kallah Bereishit.
Melanie Schneider, in honor of Daniel Bernstein, Hatan Torah.
Mrs. Nancy Schulman, in memory of her

- beloved father, Warren Benjamin.
Mrs. Florence Seligman, in honor of her Aliyah.
Mrs. George M. Shapiro, in memory of her beloved brother-in-law, Manny Shapiro.
Mr. Sal Shekarchi, in memory of his beloved brother, Menashi Shekarchi.
Mr. Sal Shekarchi, in honor of his birthday.
Ms. Susan Smirnoff, in memory of her beloved father, Nathan Smirnoff.
Mrs. Tamara Spolan, in honor of her birthday.
Jill & Michael Toporek, in honor of the Bris of their son, Alexander Segal Toporek.
Mr. Ray L. Treiger, in memory of his beloved father, Sam Treiger.
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Mrs. Lois Weinberg, in memory of her beloved father, Aaron Harry Paul.
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Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in memory of her beloved mother, Rita Shirley Weinstein.
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Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Zinbarg, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. Harvey Zuckerman, in memory of his beloved mother, Martha Zuckerman.
Mrs. Roberta Zuckerman, in memory of her beloved father, Morris E. Greebel.

Synagogue Offerings

(After October '99)

- Mrs. Beverly Abrams, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Fraser.
Mrs. Deanna Adler, in memory of her beloved brother, Michael Zeitlin.
Dr. Jean Bachman, in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Samuel Bachman.
Mr. Morton Baum, in memory of his beloved mother, Sarah Baum.
Mr. Richard Benowitz, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Sabine Berns, in memory of her beloved brother, Oscar Grover.
Mr. Daniel Bernstein, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved husband, Philip Bernstein.
Susan & Allan Blumstein, in honor of their anniversary.
Dr. Manfred Brust, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Colvin
Dr. Rhoda Cutler and Dr. Ethel Cutler, in memory of their beloved father, Sam Cutler.
Mrs. Ruth Davis, in memory of her beloved father, Michael Pauker.
Mrs. Claudia Dessler, in memory of her

- beloved father, Solly Offman.
Ms. Beverly Diamond, in memory of her beloved father, David Diamond.
Ms. Dorothy Diamond, in memory of her beloved father, David Diamond.
Dr. Juliet Diller, in memory of her beloved mother, Manya Cooper.
Cathy & Bert Distelburger, in honor of Daniel Bernstein, Hatan Torah.
Judge Conrad B. Duberstein, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Bernard Feinberg, in honor of his birthday.
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Mr. & Mrs. A. Stanley Gluck, in honor of Daniel Bernstein, Hatan Torah.
Mr. David Goffman, in honor of his birthday.
Miss Anne Gold, in memory of her beloved

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sister, Estelle Gold.
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 Dr. Michael Jacobs, in memory of his beloved father, Daniel Jacobs.
 Mrs. Tina Josephson, in honor of her birthday.
 Mr. David Kekst, in memory of his beloved sister, Michele Kekst.
 Mr. Gershon Kekst, in memory of his beloved daughter, Michele Kekst.
 Judith Kellner, in honor of Daniel Bernstein, Hatan Torah.
 Mrs. Dorothy Ann Kirsch, in honor of her birthday.
 Mrs. Sherry Klein, in memory of her beloved husband, Barry Klein.
 Mrs. Sherry Klein, in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Jack Klein.
 Dr. & Mrs. David Korris, in honor of their anniversary.
 Mrs. Suzan Kremer, in memory of her beloved mother, Lydia Steinberg.
 Mr. Sidney A. Laifer, in honor of his birthday.
 Mr. Sidney A. Laifer, in memory of his beloved wife, Esther Laifer.
 Ms. Stephanie Later, in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Later.
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 Mrs. Miriam London, in memory of her beloved mother, Pearl Schechterson.
 Mrs. Miriam London, in honor of her birthday.
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 Mrs. Martha Selig, in memory of her beloved mother, Sadie Keiser.
 Mrs. George M. Shapiro, in memory of her beloved mother, Eva Lubin.
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grandsons.

Mr. Sal Shekarchi, in memory of his beloved father, Jacob Shekarchi.
 Major Max L. Shulman, in honor of his birthday.
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 Mr. Lawrence G. Soicher, in memory of his beloved father, Irving Soicher.
 Mrs. Irene Stiebel, in memory of her beloved mother, Friedel Elba.
 Mr. Harold M. Unger, in memory of his beloved father, Jess Unger.
 Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in honor of her birthday.
 Mrs. Virginia Weisman, in honor of her birthday.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3:00-6:30 P.M. Wednesday 3:30-6:30 P.M. Sunday 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.			1 8 P.M. "It's Not Our Millennium" Course with Rabbi Stern	2 Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch 'n' Learn Session with Rabbi Lincoln 7 to 9 P.M. Bible Havruta Course with Dr. Robert Harris Talmud Havruta Course with Rabbi Joel Roth	3 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Vav Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner 1st Night of Hanukkah Light Candles 4:09 P.M.	4 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:30 A.M. Havurah Service 11:15 A.M. Tot Shabbat Bat Mitzvah of Elisabeth Erlich Holm 4:15 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study Bar Mitzvah of Blake Ariel Fields 2nd Night of Hanukkah
5 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Men's Club Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon & Party 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. Congregational School Hanukkah Zimria 3rd Night of Hanukkah	6 7:30 P.M. Prayerbook Hebrew WEG Board Meeting 4th Night of Hanukkah	7 8 A.M. Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln 11 A.M. "More Talmud on Tuesdays" with Rabbi Stern 12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 P.M. Retirees Group 7:15 P.M. Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Berkowitz 5th Night of Hanukkah	8 6 P.M. Story & Hanukkah Candle Lighting for Children 3 to 5 7:15 P.M. Melamed Singles Program Hanukkah Party 8 P.M. "It's Not Our Millennium" Course with Rabbi Stern 6th Night of Hanukkah	9 Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch 'n' Learn Session with Rabbi Lincoln 7 to 9 P.M. Bible Havruta Course with Dr. Robert Harris Talmud Havruta Course with Rabbi Joel Roth 7th Night of Hanukkah	10 6:15 P.M. Annual Sisterhood Friday Night Service Congregational Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner 8th Night of Hanukkah Light Candles 4:09 P.M.	11 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 10 A.M. Beginners Service Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Beth Small 4:15 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
12	13	14 8 A.M. Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln 11 A.M. "More Talmud on Tuesdays" with Rabbi Stern 1 P.M. Retirees Group 6 P.M. Boys Book Club for Grades 4 to 6 7 to 9 P.M. Rabbinic Havruta Course with Rabbi David Lincoln Theological Havruta Course with Rabbi Neil Gillman 7:15 P.M. Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Berkowitz 7:30 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting	15	16 Hebrew School for Parents 9:30 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 12 Noon Lunch 'n' Learn Session with Cantor Lefkowitz 7 to 9 P.M. Bible Havruta Course with Dr. Robert Harris Talmud Havruta Course with Rabbi Joel Roth	17	18
19	20	21 8 A.M. Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln 1 P.M. Retirees Group 7:15 P.M. Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Berkowitz 7:30 P.M. PAS Support Group	22	23	24	25
				12 Noon Lunch 'n' Learn Session with Cantor Lefkowitz	6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 4:13 P.M.	7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
26	27	28 8 A.M. Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln 1 P.M. Retirees Group	29	30	31	REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M.
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